

SFY 2006

SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Fiscal Year in Review

Overview of Operations

The Southern Command handled 14,152 crashes throughout State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2006. There were 103 fatal, 3441 injury, and 10608 property damage crashes. These numbers reflect a 14.8% increase in total crashes over SFY 2005. The 103 fatal crashes resulted in 122 fatalities which is a 45.2% increase over SFY 2005. Of the total crashes, 657 (4.6% of the total crashes) involved impaired drivers. Of the 122 persons killed, 46%, were not restrained at the time of the crash. There were 778 total crashes involving commercial vehicles and this number reflects a 18.6% increase as compared to SFY 2005. Additionally, there was a 18.2% increase in fatal crashes involving commercial vehicles. There was a 13.9% increase in overall enforcement and a 9.2% increase in DUI arrests made prior to crash. DUI arrests resulting from crashes increased 1.9%. Southern Command personnel arrested a total of 2,572 drivers for DUI in SFY 2006. Commercial enforcement personnel recorded increases in several areas such as: 26.5% in hazardous moving violations, 11.7% increase in total safety inspections, 15.6% in total vehicles placed out of service, and 238% in total vehicles weighed. Administrative Services saw increases in most areas throughout the year.

Operations

The southern command was once again challenged by serving in one of the fastest growing communities in the United States. Although there was a 14.8 increase in crashes overall, this was not unexpected in light of the population growth, the increase in tourist volume, and the large increase in lane-miles that the southern command is responsible for. The operations section also conducted the following special operations:

- ✓ Special enforcement on SR 160 to improve the safety on that road
- ✓ Special enforcement on IR 15 to reduce the amount of trash dumped onto the roadway
- ✓ Mobilization and traffic control for the immigration protests
- ✓ Presidential Motorcade
- ✓ Organized, coordinated, and led the Sergeant Henry Prendes memorial procession
- ✓ NASCAR Nextel Cup race at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway
- ✓ Baker to Vegas challenge relay
- ✓ Laughlin River Run

One of the strategies of the Southern Command is to constantly improve the service we provide the public. With the additional personnel that have successfully completed field training or are currently in training, the Southern Command was able to make the following changes:

- ✓ Graveyard Traffic Operations went from 2 squads to 3 squads
- ✓ A dedicated motorcycle special enforcement squad was created
- ✓ Communications began their newly revised dispatch academy and hired many new Public Safety Dispatchers
- ✓ All Radio Technician vacancies were filled
- ✓ All management and supervisors attended continuing education programs involving employee appraisal/development; leadership potential; employee files, budgeting and other topics.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

CALENDAR YEAR	2006		2005	% Change		2004	% Change
Total crashes	14152		12327	14.8%		11887	19.1%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	10608		9000	17.9%		8308	27.7%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3441		3241	6.2%		3502	-1.7%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	103		86	19.8%		77	33.8%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	657		617	6.5%		502	30.9%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	122		84	45.2%		87	40.2%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	44		27	63.0%		24	83.3%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	13		12	8.3%		16	-18.8%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	26		16	62.5%		24	8.3%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	21		9	133.3%		7	200.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	37		27	37.0%		15	146.7%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	778		656	18.6%		704	10.5%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	617		509	21.2%		554	11.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	148		136	8.8%		141	5.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	13		11	18.2%		9	44.4%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.7%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.6%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 46.7%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.4%
- ✱ Total crashes up 14.8% compared to last year and up 19.1% compared to SFY 2004.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 18.6% from last year.
- ✱ Injury crashes increased 6.2% from last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	2006	2005	% Change	2004	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	629	617	1.9%	502	25.3%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	1943	1780	9.2%	1507	28.9%
Other arrests	11481	10078	13.9%	9969	15.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	4877	4698	3.8%	4081	19.5%
Speed violations	36514	29064	25.6%	37997	-3.9%
Hazardous moving violations	24658	22465	9.8%	24531	0.5%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	6696	5668	18.1%	7762	-13.7%
Total violations [above violations included]	115240	101187	13.9%	117678	-2.1%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	974	770	26.5%	613	58.9%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	1779	1411	26.1%	2610	-31.8%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	8204	7347	11.7%	7293	12.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	68	33	106.1%	n/a	#VALUE!
Total safety violations -- citation	2959	2164	36.7%	3825	-22.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	15679	13954	12.4%	29267	-46.4%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	962	832	15.6%	1545	-37.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	877	773	13.5%	914	-4.0%
Total school buses inspected	2834	2285	24.0%	2479	14.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	436	362	20.4%	383	13.8%
Total trucks weighed	7971	2355	238.5%	3356	137.5%
Total overweight citations	516	280	84.3%	439	17.5%
Total dyed fuel inspections	7953	6419	23.9%	7265	9.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	52	12	333.3%	11	372.7%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]**	2006	2005
Level 2/3 Inspections		
Safety Violations Citation	2959	2164
Safety Violations Repair Order	15679	13954
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	877	773
Dyed Fuel Inspections	7953	6419
Dyed Fuel Citations	52	12

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ★ Average BAC 0.15%
- ★ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years
- ★ 2% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ★ 5% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ★ Traffic Enforcement is up 13.2% from last year and down 2.1% from 2004.
- ★ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement up 26.5% from 2005.
- ★ Commercial vehicle inspections are up 11.9% from last year and 12.5% from 2004.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	2006	2005	% Change	2004	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	5081284	***	***	***	***
CAD Incidents	305876	259181	18.02%	253543	20.64%
Telephone Calls	408070	735119	-44.49%	428292	-4.72%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	1121	1630	-31.23%	***	***
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	11478	9891	16.04%	12159	-5.60%
Arrest Reports Processed	4599	5093	-9.70%	4322	6.41%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	217	272	-20.22%	479	-54.70%
Vehicle Impound Releases	1555	1946	-20.09%	1754	-11.35%
Visitors at Counter	11692	9074	28.85%	9807	19.22%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	85791	79205	8.32%	62466	37.34%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	4901	4431	10.61%	4330	13.19%
Warrants Entered	4428	4413	0.34%	5297	-16.41%
Warrants Cleared	3392	2637	28.63%	2780	22.01%
Warrants Validated	17660	20063	-11.98%	44017	-59.88%
Extradition / Transports	135	172	-21.51%	160	-15.63%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	1125	1298	-13.33%	1381	-18.54%
New Items Submitted	1921	2439	-21.24%	2453	-21.69%
Items Disposed	368	4413	-91.66%	1632	-77.45%

***Accurate information not available.

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CONTRACT SERVICES

- ✱ 131 Contracts requiring 4905.95 work hours, billing \$330,057.23

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 92.4% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 5.9% of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 1.06% of case submissions.
- ✱ Fire Marshall responsible for .53 of case submissions.
- ✱ Capitol Police responsible for 0% of case submissions.

COMMENDATIONS

- ✱ The Southern Command employees have received over 180 commendations from the public, organizations / agencies and management.